Findings of Standing Committee

689. SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1584 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the findings of the Standing Committee and when they were submitted to Government;

(b) when the report of Kelkar Committee was laid on the Tables of the Houses;

(c) whether Government have received any complaints about nexus between the producers and Kelkar Committee, Standing Committee and authorities considering their recommendations and are a part of conspiracy against the consumers of medicines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The recommendations of the Standing Committee are presently under active consideration of the Government. It would be premature to give the details at this stage.

(b) The report of the Kelkar Committee was not laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) Certain representations/complaints had been received in the past on various aspects concerning DPCO 1987 including wrong inclusion/exclusion of bulk drugs under price control. The Standing Committee, after examining the representations/complaints regarding inclusion/exclusion, has submitted its recommendations to the Government which are under active consideration.

Cases relating to over-invoicing

690. SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred Question 1587 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the details of cases relating to overinvoicing which have been referred to Ministry of Finance for investigation during the last three years, yearwise in the field of bulk drugs and intermediates;

(b) what are the names of bulk drugs, intermediates and the companies involved;

(c) when each case was referred to Ministry of Finance and the details of cases where action has been finalised;

(d) when Government took up each matter with Ministry of Finance and what is the outcome; and

(e) what are the arrangements that exist in the Government to detect cases of overinvoicing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The details of cases relating to overinvoicing which have been referred to Ministry of Finance for investigation during the last three years have already been given in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1664 answered on 1.8.1991.

(c) to (e) A number of complaints have been received alleging overinvoicing in import of bulk drugs/drug intermediates which have been referred to Directorate of Revenue intelligence for necessary action. This is an on going process and all these cases are at various stages of examination.

Retail prices of essential consumer items

691. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what were the retail prices of essential consumer items of daily life on Diwali day during 1989-90 and 1991;

(b) what are the reasons for upward trend in several items, item-wise;